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Casa Loma V-P Resigns

Nikki McAllister, Vice President of Casa Loma campus for the Student Association has left the college to seek new challenges in her trade. Her resignation is effective October 12, 2001. We'll miss you Nikki!



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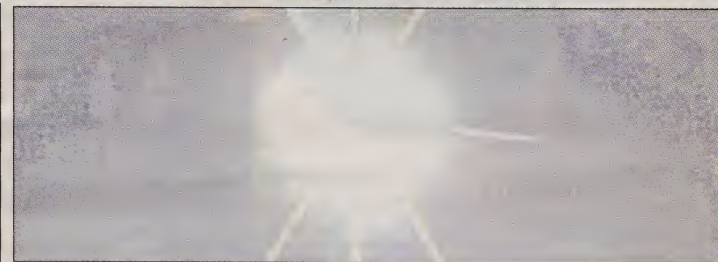
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PURE STUDENT



A 'City' Store for Casa Loma

By Joshua Li

/Bruce Kilpatrick

Fashion can be thought of as a type of art utilizing cultural materials to transform the appearance of the natural body. It communicates things like social status and sex as well as enhancing attractiveness. As a great attempt to capture and visualize the fashion sense of our school, a brand new store named "City", with its unique fashion concept, opened this week at Casa Loma campus.

On September 27, the students and faculty of George Brown College saw the open-

ing of a new CITY! The second year Fashion Management students at Casa Loma hosted the Grand Opening of City, our new student run store. The event included refreshments, contests and a runway show of some of the incredible menswear and ladies wear that is available. When the ribbon was cut, the doors were open to reveal the full selection of attire; jewelry, accessories and even fabrics. The decor gave a true urban feel with graffiti and other art, and the streetwear will definitely have you geared up for the concrete jungle. City's hours of operation is Monday

to Friday, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, and the location is at Casa Loma campus in room C 432.



Now, to be in the height of fashion is often to dress outrageously, knowing that this will soon be adopted by the masses as a style. Why this great interest in status and

dressing like the aristocracy? Well, one theory is that it signifies wealth and resources. It shows exclusivity-others have to feel left out- and it also provokes envy and attracts attention. But remember guys, fashion is about you - what you choose to wear reflects your personality and if you wear clothes that reflect comfort and style rather than just pure vanity, people will start looking your way.

Good luck to City store and our school's fashion buffs!

New Human Rights Advisor

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you, the students of George Brown College. My name is Dale Hall. I have been hired as the Human Rights Advisor to the President for the City College.

The Human Rights office is YOUR office. My role as the Advisor is to assist the College in dealing with a variety of Human Rights concerns. In order to know what the issues are for you, as the students at George

Brown, I need to hear from you. I offer you a confidential space/ear in which to voice your concerns; make inquiries and to find out how to complain about a situation you may have experienced. I am also available to advise you on your rights within the College, explain how our human rights procedures work, and offer advice if you have experienced harassment/discrimination in your work place or placement.

Before coming to George Brown, I worked as the Senior Coordinator of the Human Rights and Equity Office at York University. I have worked in the area of Human Rights within educational institutions for over ten years. My experience has taught me that to know the climate of human rights on a campus, we must know what the students are feeling, experiencing and needing. Your input to my office will help me advise the

College of your needs and how we can address them.

Let me hear your concerns, ideas and suggestions.

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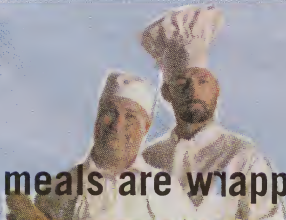
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AN OPEN LETTER TO MR. CARETHER

A VERY BAD THING HAS HAPPENED. IN A FEW BRIEF MOMENTS, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES AND COUNTLESS OTHERS HAD THEIR LIVES TORN APART AND TURNED UPSIDE DOWN.

WE NEVER IMAGINED THAT SUCH DEVASTATION MIGHT HAPPEN AND WE CERTAINLY BELIEVE IT SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.

YET IN OUR GRIEF AND HOPE, ARE WE ABOUT TO START THE BALL ROLLING AGAIN?

WE LIVE IN A COUNTRY WHERE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT GOES AGAINST OUR LAW AND MORALS. CAN WE SUPPORT AN ACTION THAT WILL RESULT IN THE DEATH OF INNOCENT AND GUILTY PEOPLE BE IT IN OUR OWN OR FOREIGN LANDS?

MANY PEOPLE ARE SAYING STRIKE NOW, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD TAKE THIS TIME TO LET BOILING BLOOD COOL AND ALLOW TEMPS TO RETURN TO ROOM TEMPERATURE.

RETURNING A PLAYGROUND BULLY'S ABUSE WITH FISTS MAY STOP THE IMMEDIATE DANGER, BUT IT WILL DO NOTHING TO MAKE THE FIGHTERS FEEL BETTER ABOUT THEMSELVES AND EACH OTHER TOMORROW.

INDIVIDUALS HAVE A BRIEF STAY ON THIS PLANET, BUT FUTURE GENERATIONS HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD. LET'S SPEND TODAY'S TIME PRODUCTIVELY AND WISELY TO SOLVE OUR DIFFERENCES SO THOSE DOWN THE ROAD CAN SPEND THEIR TIME IN PEACE.

WE MUST FIND A BETTER WAY.

'AN EYE FOR EYE ONLY ENDS UP MAKING THE WHOLE WORLD BLIND.' Mahatma Gandhi

DAN P. SEPT 2001

Whew! Here we go—another issue another end of events! So much has happened lately that I think we can all agree that 'the times are changing'. I am not sure what to think except that it feels like a brave new world! I will let my writers reflect how we feel on a poetic level! We have some very creative well written stories for everyone to enjoy. I feel fortunate to have been able to meet with so many fresh writers!

Fall is always the time of year for event after event! The list of events that I have been attending range from the theatre to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra! To a publishing fair, and my week at this point looks packed! I am planning on sleeping less so I can keep up with everything, including school!

I read my horoscope (sagittarius) and it claimed that I was coming on to a string of bad luck! I think it said that my luck could not get any worse! I thought about it for a moment and tried to put it into perspective and figured 'oh what the hay' and went on with my day. (I am not really one to look into horoscopes as far as believing them, I use them for entertainment purposes only.) I got evicted from my apartment (I have the worst luck with accommodation, I have lived in Toronto for 5 years and in that time period have moved 12 times!!) My boyfriend and I broke up! (We were dating for three years, and pretty much thought that he was the 'one' so to speak) Oddly enough I feel ok, I know that

things will get better as I always land on top! So here is to a 'Brave New World' Lets look forward to the future, and the changes we are approaching.
thnx Sera Gordon

Erratum

In the 2002.3 issue of Dialog, we failed to credit the Student Association of George Brown College with organizing and hosting the Orientation Week celebration 'Rock the Block'

The Dialog Collective regrets this error.

Collectively Speaking

by Allan Stokell

Al Budzin taught me how to pray. Al was a chair at George Brown College and is now an Anglican priest. Al also encouraged me to become an intercessor, a prayer leader in my church. It is not surprising, then, that I turned to Foundations: Society, Challenge and Change, a book that I used for my General Education class and discovered Al's name on the Acknowledgments.

In the chapter titled Myths and Facts: How Do We Know?, Robert H. Lauer explores the difficulties we have in telling fact from the stuff that comes out from the back of cows.

When someone or some group target other persons or groups for unfair criticism and attacks,

it is important that the audience to this community have all the facts.

The author lists nine ways in which myths can be made into fact. One that is of special interest is the myth of authority.

"Virtually everything we know is based on some authority. We know comparatively little from personal experience or personal research," Lauer states. "The authority may be pursuing a bias rather than studying a problem. While some people pursue a bias as a normal part of their work, others pursue it because of a vested interest. That is, the authority may deliberately or unconsciously allow biases to affect what he or she says because it is personally advantageous to

do so."

These biases can be very divisive when they are used against community members. One of the reasons Dialog Collective members strongly uphold our charter is because of the important three words of our Statement of purpose: Safety, Knowledge and Respect.

Safety means providing a safe space for our members to work, free from verbal or physical in implied abuse, a space where all are welcome and safe. Those who choose not to follow these tenets, rob our members of one of the basic rights and undermines the Collective as a whole.

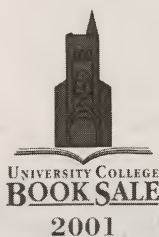
I urge all members of our college community to think critically about what is said about

others.

"We live in a social environment and era which supports the right of people to their own opinions. Opinion becomes significant when it functions as a judgement and attempts to persuade. When opinion functions as judgement it can have serious implications for oneself and others. In this instance it can be challenged to be supported with evidence."

"Arriving at a conclusion on the basis of insufficient evidence is an inappropriate generalization."

I invite you to attend the next meeting of the Dialog Collective. Please phone or e-mail for date, time and location. 416-415-2710 dialog@canada.com



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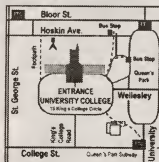
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Ashley Atkins is a regular contributor to the 'dialog'. His article will help take you through the perils of having and holding on to your money! We look forward to hearing more Ashley! If you have any questions please send them to dialog@canada.com attention Ashley.....happy budgeting, saving and spending.

"\$10.00 for dinner, \$12.50 for a movie, \$2.00 for coffee after the movie, and I can't forget about the subway, that's going to be \$2.25 each way. Wow, that's a pretty expensive night! Now, should I offer to pay for my date as well?"

...Oh hey, how are ya doing? I'm just trying to figure out how much it's going to cost for me and my girlfriend on Saturday night—that is, when I actually do find someone to go out with me. (That's another subject matter altogether, but let's keep this focused on the task at hand!) That task I am speaking of is money and how to best manage what little we have in our pockets and bank accounts. For many, talking and reading about personal finance and investing is boring, and to be quite honest with you, extremely time consuming and confusing. That is why I want to talk to you, your friends and fellow George Brown College students about how important and how easy you can make money matters with a few important tips. Before we go further though, I want to introduce myself and explain why I am writing to you.

My name is Ashley Atkins and I am a student at GBC. After spending 4 years at York University educating myself on the incredibly interesting subject of Political Science ('Ya, right), I have decided to join the ever-growing market that we all call the "Business World".

Through my initial studies here at GBC in the Business Management Program, and other experiences involving various financial matters (aka money matters), I have learned the value and cost of tuition, books, entertainment and various other living expenses. But I am not here to lecture or spew out numerous charts and numbers that even I don't fully understand myself. What I want to give to you within this bi-weekly article is the knowledge and understanding on how we can budget our weekly and monthly expenses effectively to allow for the opportunity to have more freedom to enjoy our time away from school and books, and eventually to pass on general investing pointers. Most importantly, I want to show you how budgeting and investing can be fun and educational.

Now, I know what you're saying: "Why the heck would I care about about budgets, expenses and the value of a dollar?" Believe me when I say that I know what you mean! But let me ask you this: Have you ever been out with your friends

and found that you have no money for a beer, movie or dinner? Have you ever walked through Eaton Centre or along Queen St. West and stumbled upon a t-shirt or a pair of jeans that were beyond your wallet's resources? (Come on, you can admit it, that kind of thing used to happen to ME all the time.) Sure, some students have part-time jobs, but for the majority of you who are not employed or are spending money earned from summer jobs, or even those of you who are on government support, money does not seem to stretch as far anymore.

That is why I am here. Again, I am not here to talk about all the intricacies of economics and what the stock markets are really about and how they work. What I will offer is advice on how to save an extra few bucks on different goods and services, how to invest your money in guaranteed investments, but more importantly, how to set up a generous and workable student budget that will allow you to enjoy your school year at GBC while planning for the immediate and long-term future. Before we begin I need you to do

me a favor. Over the next two weeks gather all your expenses (including your daily cup of java, lunch and other snacks, transportation and any other expenses you incur throughout the

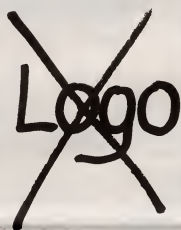
have any ideas or questions/comments regarding future "Budgeting" articles, please forward them on to the Dialog Collective (dialog@canada.com) and I will

Corporate Poaching

by Caragh Titherington
Recently, as I was walking through the corridor of the St. James Campus, Main Building, I noticed a

to give out these "free gifts" to students so that they feel they're getting a little something back from the bookstore where they are

to spend large amounts of money on textbooks. This is a farce. The companies are there to put tactile advertisements into students' hands. The corporate encroachment on George Brown College threatens the independence and integrity of our school.



Would the World be a Better Place Without Currency?

by Camille Lovell
Money is needed to make the world go around. How else would a country such as Canada be able to make transactions with other countries around the world? How else would citizens such as myself enjoy food from different parts of the globe without taking a trip around the Earth? Let's face it money has a big impact on society and will be a part of civilization for many years to come. However, does money really make people happy? Can a human being trade in his or her happiness for wealth? People have ended their friendships over a tonie. People have forgotten who they are and where they came from because their pocket got a little heavy. There are a lot of individuals who change for the worse and I think that is unsuitable. Take for instance, those who are in the entertainment industry. That's great that an individual can use their talents to make a living but that does not mean they should become egotistical. Why don't the wealthy use some of the money that they have and help the needy? There are so many adults and children dying of

chronic hunger. I am sure that if someone was in a position to give 10% of their six-figure salary, they won't be broke. There are many people who support the community and live humble lives but there are a lot of people who become cocky. Kind of makes you wonder: would the world be a better place without money? If there was no money there would be no disputes, we would barter instead of buying and selling, the nation would be stable. Countries would not be in debt and everyone would be able to live suitable lives without having to struggle or work 60 hours a week to make a decent pay check. Whether the world would be a better place without money, we as human beings will never know. The world has become so economically advanced that it's too vague to think about the possibilities of a better world. I guess where there's more money there's more problems.

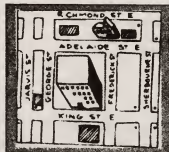
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Sean Carson is our tech whiz! He has been contributing regularly since school started!

By: Sean Carson


It's your first year in college and you're worried about fitting in. So you dress in the clothes that society sets as the "standards." Is there actually one good reason that you need to conform to the social "standards"? So many people find that if they follow the "pack," that they will be more accepted and feel less awkward in public. The fact remains that people feel more uncomfortable when they aren't themselves. So why act, dress and pretend to be someone you're not? No matter what race, colour, sex or even sexual preference you are, there is no reason for you to hide who you are. Every person in life has something special about him or her and you don't ever need to hide this amazing quality. Those people who are true to themselves find life so much easier.

Expressing yourself through any means possible is a large step in being your own identity. It doesn't matter who you are, or where you are from, you have that one special trait that no one else could ever have. Whether it's your "true" beauty, or your sense of humour, that one thing gleams off you like a lighthouse, and in turn attracts new friends.

The one mistake people make is to not express themselves with their clothes. If you like something, but you think it's out of the ordinary, just wear it, and show everyone who you are. There is no easier way to express your character. Even if you only want to express yourself by placing several badges on your bag, or even stickers. Any way that you can show people who you are, is the best choice in life. Being truthful to yourself and your character is one trait that everyone adores.

Conforming to society standards only keeps you from leading a happier life. No one is happy when they are part of a "Rat Pack". Lemmings don't live a life of happiness; they follow each other to the cliff and jump. Do you want to be one of those lemmings?

If you can't love yourself, then how can you ever be loved, or love someone else? Be true to yourself, and you'll lead a life with less stress and pain.

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QUEER NIGHT

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The Counsellor

HI Counsellor:

I just started here at GBC in September and I am trying to get used to my new environment but am shy to ask many of the questions. I am hoping that you would be able to answer a few of the pressing ones. First I see posters in different locations of the school promoting Queer Night. Will this be an ongoing thing? Secondly, is there QUEER club on campus? I have heard about the LGBT Centre. I can never seem to locate it. What are the activities of the LGBT in this school, if there is really such a Centre? I don't want to go on so I will make this my last question. Is Homophobia a problem at GBC? I have heard a lot of terrible stories while in High School of things that happen to Lesbians and Gays in some colleges and Universities and the worst part of some of these stories is that this group has no support.

I must confess that just seeing QUEER NIGHT being promoted here put some of my fears to rest. But what if an isolated incident should happen. Is there a place or someone I could go to?

I know I sound like a basket case but your answers are important to me. I will definitely be picking up the next issue of the paper to read your response.

Sincerely,
New GBC Student

Hey New GBC Student,

We just had a Queer Pub Night and it was a great success. If you didn't get a chance to go, don't worry another one is scheduled for October 18 and hopefully many more to come. There is a Queer Club at the St. James Campus or better known as the Rainbow Room where discussions take place every Thursday @ 6pm. The phone number is 416-415-2846.

Is Homophobia a problem at George Brown? Hmm, I've been here for 2 years now and I have not come across one incident of homophobia. It is one of the many reasons why I love George Brown. It is an extremely open environment and the Student Association really goes out of their way to make everyone feel comfortable and more importantly - safe. The Student Association has a SAFE Space commitment to all students of this college no matter which campus you are on.

Trust me, you do not sound like a basket case... your questions are totally relevant and completely welcome. When you find some time in your schedule please go by their office and learn more about the activities of the association that represents us.

If you have anymore, please ask away.

HI Dr.

Good-day!! I am a 17 year old gay West Indian youth living at home with my parents who are from a Christian Faith. Hell is a word I use to describe what's going on in my life at this time. I am not sure if you are familiar with the Christian Faith as it says GOD does not like people like



me. I was taught that GOD was LOVE and that he did not discriminate. But that's not the teaching at home. The constant put down and name-calling leave me empty.

My friends encourage me to leave home and find a place of my own where I can be free to do whatever I want and most importantly, get away from the negative environment. That is easier said than done in my case considering that I am just starting college and cannot afford the additional expense at this time. But when I think about my friends advice, I know

what they are saying is true especially getting away from the negative environment. On the other hand, I think what they don't understand is how much I LOVE my parents. I am their only child, and at this very difficult time in my life I only want to be accepted by the two people I still admire, love and respect the most. I know it sounds as if I am crazy to still hold these two people in such high regard. Sometimes I wonder if the treatment I received from my Mom and Dad is caused from their suspicion or from what they actually know. "Do they really know I am gay," I wonder to myself at times, "but why would they call me those names" I question myself. "I am pretty sure they know". But I am confused because I am not sure what they know nor do I know where to start to find out from them what they know. Since the topic of my sexuality as never been discussed, I wonder many times if I just come out and tell them that I am GAY how it would change things?? Your advice is much appreciated.

From Confused & Empty!!!

Dear Confused and Empty,
First of all you have to remember that even though the Bible is the "so-called" word of God it wasn't actually written by God himself. Ordinary people like you and me wrote the Bible. Perhaps a few ignorant people as well. If you study ancient history you will find out that the Christian faith condemned

homosexuality because it was a threat to their religion prospering...not a threat to God. In order for a religion to survive it needed numbers, in other words, lots of people. To condemn homosexuality meant that everyone was forced to be with the opposite sex, therefore forced to have children, therefore increasing the population of Christians. Homosexuality was a threat to that system of "religious growth." So do not take the Bible literally. It is a book that is way out of context in today's society. Concerning the negativity with your family... since you do not have enough money to get your own place you are going to have to do the best you can with the present situation - living with your parents. If you suspect your parents already know then they probably do. How would it change things if you told them? The only way to find out is if you actually tell them. It is something that you will have to go through eventually. I suggest you get it over with as soon as possible. The best way to confront your problems is to face them head-on as soon as possible before they turn into major dilemmas. There is no way to know how your parents will react exactly. Give them some time to soak things in if they are not accepting at first. I hope this advice makes you feel "Focused and Full" :)

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WHY WE VOTE

by Shelley Edwards,
2001 Chief Returning Officer

On Monday, October 1, 2001 posters started going up for this year's elections. You will see your fellow students as candidates running for the George Brown College Student Association by-elections. This marks the beginning of campaign week. These postings can be found in various places around the campus, such as hallways, classrooms, the Zone bar and also the cafeteria. The candidates will be more than willing to talk with you about any questions you may have regarding upcoming plans and agendas.

The Student Association represents students at all levels of College planning and decision making. In turn they also represent your voice to the provincial and federal governments.

At the Student Association you can express your concerns, get guidance and assistance. Your student representatives want to know and listen to your needs as a George Brown College student.

By voting, you are fulfilling one of your responsibilities as a member of the George Brown College community. You will be casting a vote that will determine who will represent you, your ideas, and the community you belong to.

Talking to the candidates is the best way of letting them know your opinions and concerns. This *Dialog* Special Election insert contains the names of each candidate and the positions they are running for. Also included are answers to a series of questions posed to each candidate, and a short biography.

Feel free to approach your candidates with questions when you see them around the school.

JOHN- PAUL BROWN
Community Services
St. James



MIRIAM SOMERS
Community Services
St. James



VIK MAINI
Hospitality
Rep



GREG BROWN
Creative Arts Rep
Casa Loma



VANDA MATOS
1st Yr. Rep
Casa Loma



**ANIL BHA-
TOO**
VP-
Nightingale



JANSEN NG
1st Yr. Rep
St. James



**EILISH
WARD**
1st Yr. Rep.
Nightingale



IAN GOWEL
1st Yr. Rep
St. James



WHERE AND WHEN TO VOTE

If you are currently a full time student, you are eligible to vote in this election. This will be your opportunity to decide who you feel is the best candidate.

You will be able to vote from Thursday, October 11, 2001 to Wednesday, October 17, 2001.

To vote you must have your student ID or Proof of Registration and go to the Polling Stations on your campus. There will be polling stations set up every school day during the voting period.

The results of the election will be posted on the door of the St. James campus Student Association office. You may also call 416-415-2900 X89323 for a recorded message.

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Candidates for Student



Anil Bhuttoo—VP Nightingale



Vanda Matos—1st Yr Rep CL



Eilish Ward—1st Yr Rep NG



Ian Gawel—1st Yr Rep SJ

What motivated you to run for this position?

My motivation to run for this position is the fact that I currently hold it and feel that there is much more work to be done.

Making a change and contributing to our school is what motivated me to run for the position of first year rep.

Part of the student body at George Brown. To become a voice and channel, for the students that may not feel comfortable voicing their needs and wants. I have always seen the importance of students getting involved with their school and community and this is my way of doing so.

I was motivated to run for this position because I want the first year students to be well represented and have a representative that YOU can easily approach to voice your opinion on any problems or concerns with the school.

What relevant experience do you feel qualifies you for this position?

Having been Community Service Rep prior to being Vice-President has provided me with much relevant experience.

I'm outspoken and committed to my work. I have joined numerous associations and clubs, where I have gained valuable public relations skills that would be applied to being a rep.

The relevant experience that I have that qualifies me, is the experience of sitting on different boards and councils and task forces. Some being school related others having to do with community issues and organizing events. I have worked with people. What motivated me to run for this position, is the chance to become a more active and enjoy doing so.

I work well with people, am a great listener and very approachable. With these as some of my qualities I will be able to represent you in the Student Association extremely well.

How do you plan to represent the needs of your fellow students?

I plan to represent the needs of my fellow students by having open dialogue about what those needs are.

I plan to represent the needs of all my students in a respectful and assertive manner. No matter what the task may be.

I plan to represent the needs of all the students, by taking the time and finding out what issues are important to them and what I can do to see that these issues are addressed. By doing this I would get to know many of the students as I could, so all needs are looked at.

I plan to talk to my fellow students and see what they feel needs to be changed or added to the school. There are many different levels of interests that need to be looked at.

In what ways would you increase student involvement at Student Association events?

I am very sociable and would spread the word with the help of my fellow students to increase student involvement.

I believe that the key to increasing students' involvement is to raise awareness throughout the school and letting our students know what is available for them.

I think part of the lack of student involvement at Student Association events, is the fact that our campuses are so spread out. I think having the "Magic School Bus" for "Rock the Block" was great. It really helped to bring everyone together. So a way to get more student involvement is to offer a service like this for more events. This is just one way of getting students motivated to come to these things.

One way to increase student involvement would be to have a suggestion box so it will give the Student Association more ideas to address.

What do you think George Brown's goal is in the Canadian Federation of Students?

I have attended 3 CFS general meetings and currently sit on the Ontario board as constituency coordinator. I know that GBC is an integral part of the organization and at present the only college voice. Our goal is to play an increasingly larger role and to bring relevant campaigns to campus.

I think that the goal of S. A. is to assist any student with any issue that they may have no matter how small it may be.

I think that George Brown's goal for the Canadian Federation is to continue working with them and supporting them in lobbying the government, on issues that really affect the students, not just at George Brown but all over Canada. For example by making post-secondary schools open to more people, that may not have the opportunity if tuition fees are raised any higher.

I believe George Brown's goal in the Canadian Federation of Students is to make sure we have fair representation and to work with the other schools to make sure all our needs and wants are met.

If elected, list three primary goals you wish to accomplish during your term.

Primarily, I wish to see our students treated equitably as we amalgamate with Ryerson. Providing students with as many social activities/outings as they wish and providing a clean, safe environment which respects our diversity.

If elected my three goals would be as follows:
1st - Getting students involved in programs and, letting them know that they can depend on the S.A.
2nd - Making changes by voicing the opinion of students in an assertive manner.
3rd - Making student life less stressful, by adding a special event every month (i.e.: games and pub nights)

a - Getting more student involvement, especially from Nightingale campus.
b - Making sure that all the students have the opportunity to have the issues that are important to them shared with the student body.
c - Help create the opportunity to have a college, that every student can be proud and honored to call their own.

1. Help first year students find housing, such as a committee that searches for availability.
2. To get a better rate on riding the TTC.
3. We need more seating in the cafeteria. It is very frustrating looking for a seat for extended amounts of time

How do you plan on achieving goals within a diverse team environment?

Diversity is respecting difference. Goals become achievable when there is respect between team members working towards a common vision.

I plan on working with my team and incorporating all of our ideas into one in order for all of us to have the same vision and work together toward a common goal

I plan to achieve goals within a diverse team environment by being open-minded, and respectful of others. Using a consultation method to reach a team supported decision.

With a diverse team environment there should be lots of working together to face the most important issues that arise in the school. I will try my best to get our goals met.

How do you plan on balancing your time between commitments to the SA, school and other obligations?

I have been successful thus far. It is a matter of prioritizing and effective time management.

I only commit myself to things that I can handle and I strongly believe that time management is essential.

I plan on balancing my time between my commitments to the Student Association, school and my other obligations, by dealing with things when they come up and not put them off to the last minute and then end up not honoring my commitment to one thing or another.

I plan on setting a few hours aside each week to discuss and evaluate issues affecting the Student Association. My school work is important and my grades need to be kept up so it will take up a couple of hours a day. This leaves time for friends, family and relaxing.

What are your main areas of interest in relation to your particular campus?

Again, my primary interest is to see a mutually beneficial and fair agreement for students attending Ryerson in the fall. I am also interested in building a sense of community at the campus

My main interest on campus is students needs and sports activities.

My main area of interest in relating to the Nightingale campus is basically getting the students more motivated and supporting events and activities at other campuses and also getting the other campuses to come here for events. Nightingale is such a small campus that it seems at times we are almost forgotten about by other students.

My main areas of interest with in the school are Financial Planning and using the gym facilities as much as possible. I am also volunteering to help with any other organizations that I can be of assistance.

George Brown is a diverse campus—in what ways would you strive for representation of ALL students?

I myself am diversity personified. Representation of all students is a matter of being available, opening the line of communication between us and again respecting each others diversity. I do not have any concerns about this as I have a vested interest in stamping out anything contrary to celebrating diversity.

I would try and hold multi-cultural nights where all students would have a chance to share a little bit of their culture with the rest of the school population.

I will strive to represent all the students of George Brown, by finding out what there needs and wants are. By not being biased and supporting the student in whatever capacity is needed and letting them know that I am there because, when they feel they may not have one.

The best way to represent all students is to get interactive with the different groups and let them tell me what issues they face and what they want changed. I am very approachable so it wouldn't be hard for anybody to come and talk to me.

Student Body Elections



Jansen Ng—1st yr Rep SJ

From the first day of school, I have been very active in getting to know my fellow students. Although initially withdrawn, many of these students are now my friends. I feel that by electing me 1st year representative of the St. James Campus, my fellow students will help me to bring the entire Campus together into a tight knit community with student participation in all aspects of the college.

Having previously worked in the financial, media, and IT sectors, I have a large body of relevant professional knowledge to contribute to the Board of Directors. All of my supervisors have cited me for my leadership potential and I have been promoted or offered promotions many times.

I would be representing First Year Students at the St. James Campus if elected. Therefore, I would like to set up office hours, a voice-mailbox, email accounts, and several other avenues of communication to facilitate effective representation of my constituents. I have a policy of being available for students and to handle all of their concerns.

Rock the Block and the School of Business and Creative Arts' barbecue were good starts. However, I still found many students a little intimidated and not very outgoing. Although not necessarily intimidated, a lot of new students were still reserved. I would increase the number of student guides for first year students, make student handbook availability more prominent, and increase visibility of student clubs and associations.

Besides working for lower tuition and more affordable education for a greater portion of the population, I believe that we should be more actively promoting our college as an alternative to university education. Besides providing applicable education, we are more cost effective as well. We need to work more to raise the prestige of our College nationally and even internationally, using the CFS as a starting point.

Although further assessment is needed, my current goals are to raise the public awareness and prestige of GBC, value maximization of the Student Association Budget, and closer cooperation with clubs to facilitate greater student awareness of clubs, associations, and sports.

I have always had a policy of consultative review with all team members. Although not all ideas and suggestions can be implemented, I feel that everybody has something to contribute and should be encouraged to take their sectors of responsibility seriously. I have both the visionary aspects of a leader and the co-operative mindset of a manager.

Although I am currently a full time student, I still work as a Technology Editor for Rage3d.com, a Project Supervisor for Warfield Systems, an investment consultant, and a computer and IT consultant. However, these are all part-time jobs and such are very flexible. Having all these occupations has developed my time management skills and I count these as assets rather than liabilities.

I plan to be very active in the Business Students Association, as well as the George Brown Marketing Association. Extra-curricular activities are vital to the life of a student. Whether it be intramural sports, clubs and associations, or even just hanging out and talking to friends, I would also like to work on maintaining or lowering food prices at the co-op school, as I spend a lot of time eating.

As a representative of the student population in a democratic system, I understand that it is imperative that I be unbiased and objective regardless of ethnic background, gender, or nationality. As a visible minority and an immigrant myself, I know all too well the troubles many international students face. And as previously stated, I also plan to set up many methods to make myself available to ALL.



Jean-Paul Brown—Community Services SJ

What motivated me to run for the Community Services Rep position is that I believe that I can make a difference within GBC's St. James campus. By having the opportunity to share my ideas, and listen to the ideas of my fellow students of GBC, together we can improve an already great community aspect within our school, where we can celebrate and appreciate our cultural diversities, religions, beliefs, preferences and goals as one.

The experience that makes me feel relevant for this position is that I have been dedicated to community service for several years now. Recently I have graduated from GBC in the Community Worker program, which has given me the experience, the tools and the knowledge to interact within a community aspect.

I plan to represent the needs of my fellow students by being their voice. Whatever concerns or ideas they may have, I'll be more than glad to deliver their requests and messages to the board and Executive members. Also to make sure that there ideas are being used and their requests granted. This is important because not listening to students, we exclude an essential aspect of GBC.

One way I would increase student involvement is by inviting students to be a board member and attend board meetings. That way they can have their say when the student body members work on creating the events for our school and student body. I'd also make it my duty to get to know who the students are, so that way we can utilize the different skills and aspects of those individuals.

GBC's goal is to make sure each individual is given a fair chance at getting the best education possible. Through bursaries, scholarships, or even in trying to reduce tuition payments until their OAP or other forms of payment are available. I believe GBC's goal is to make sure that people are treated fairly and given options that best meets their individual needs

1. To serve the students as best as I can by getting ideas and opinions to the board members.
2. To provide events that allow individuals to celebrate and appreciate culture, beliefs, and lifestyle preferences.
3. To bring new ideas within the board of members that can be used to help unify GBC students.

With the students voicing their ideas or suggestions and setting up various groups for various activities or events we will work together and share thoughts on ways that we can effectively get our goals met. By doing this we can present it to the student elected board members to see if we can make an idea become a reality for our school.

Through time management I will be able to keep my commitment to the Student Association, to my course and the other obligations that I have. With I already have attempted and continue to do (For example, when reading my bio you will see the explanation.)

The main interest that I have at St. James campus is working with all the different types of students that make GBC so unique and appealing group of people. Other sections that I'm particularly interests in would be in organizing, planning or just assisting in events that focus on educating, improving, and uniting people as a community.

How I will strive to represent for all students would be to support all students. Like every other community I am combined with all different types of people, beliefs, preferences, and cultures. So in this awareness, make sure that each and everyone of our people know that they can come to us for support.



Miriam Somers—Community Services SJ

I've been involved with the Student Association for the past year, I've really wanted to change the outlook of GBC community. I also want to help others with whatever they want me to help with.

I've been on the board of the Student Association for the past year, I've really wanted to change the outlook of GBC community. I've also been on many different community boards including: NCSJ, Jewish Student Union, and BBYO.

I plan to represent all community services programs within GBC. I want to represent all students in these programs. I want to help students with their program and to make programs better and effective for your education

I plan on making announcements in all of the community services program classes. I also plan on giving the information to all of the heads of each of the programs of the events, programs that are going around GBC, and the community.

GBC's goal within the CFS is a very good one, indeed. I know from being involved with the board of GBC and the CFS, that GBC's goal is indeed a great one. We, as students need to know what is going on around us. Including what is going on at other colleges, so the goal is indeed a very good goal to have.

1. Get students more involved in the community of GBC, and the SA
2. Making different gathering/forums for various programs
3. Help with planning events for each of the programs.

I plan on working with the president of SA, the VP of St. James and the VP of Education; I also plan on working one-on-one with all the different programs and people within them.

I plan on spending 2-3 hours a day at the SA office a week, helping them out with their different activities also plan on volunteering my time with Women Centre and food bank, so that if there are any students in need of someone to talk to from the SA, they can easily find me. I also plan on using better time management for all my other work so that I don't lack things that are important to me.

I am interested in the Community of GBC; I am also interested in the Jewish Community. I am interested in the disability services that GBC has to offer.

I plan on representing not only Community Services but also everyone here at GBC.



Greg Brown—Creative Arts Rep CL

I want to help people if they have problems. I have some ideas for my program and maybe I could bring some ideas for other programs. I would like to see more students in different programs coming together and helping one another and I am hoping that I can be the person to do that.

I am always around people. I have worked in retail for a long time, which helps to solve problems with different kinds of people. Plus a lot of people know me at the school. I am a very loud, energetic person.

I plan on listening to their problems and trying to help. bring the problems to the board of the school and trying to make a difference. The bottom line is the students so we need to help them as best as possible.

Promote more, get students excited, if you're not excited about the events how are you going to get students excited.

To maintain a safe learning environment for all students and to provide excellent education.

1. To help students with their problems, I have heard about things from students that they don't like, so try to fix them.
2. To get more students to work together to help one another.
3. To just be there for the school and help out as much as possible.

The biggest thing to you must have to achieve goals is communication, we are all striving for the same goals, so we need to be able to get along and talk.

You have to put your priorities in order and you must be disciplined.

Creative arts Program.

I would strive to have as diverse a student council as we have students and respect the diversity of those students.



Vik Maini—Hospitality Rep

The things that motivated me to run for this position are, first I have already heard a lot of concerns from my fellow peers about George Brown College. Second, I have tons of plans to make this a better college. Finally I have past experience on committees.

Experiences I have had which qualify me for this position are, my past seat as President of Student Association from previous schools. Also I have held multiple management positions in the work force. Lets not also forget the important experiences of life.

I plan on representing the needs of my fellow students by listening to them, than act accordingly. My door will never be closed to discuss the issues.

I would increase student involvement at Student Association events by making the events more affordable or free. I would also make the events more enjoyable and make my fellow peers more aware of the various events.

My opinion on George Brown's goal in the Canadian Federation of Students, is to ensure all students are treated fairly and improving education.

If I am elected there are a lot of things I would like to accomplish. To name a few, getting a simple stop sign between the Hospitality building and St. James campus. Secondly plan more events for students to participate in. Work on merging George Brown with other colleges such as Ryerson University.

The way I plan on achieving goals in a diverse team environment are, by planning meetings and getting in touch with the right officials to help us. Listening to each other and trouble shooting will also help.

I have excellent time management skills. I will have no problems balancing my time between Student Association meetings and my college work. All I have to do is make an agenda and stick to it.

My main areas of interest in relation to the hospitality campus is to show hospitality to other

George Brown is a very diverse campus. I would strive to represent all my fellow students by being honest and truthful.

Hello, fellow students and staff



I would like to start off by giving my prayers to all the victims of the tragedy in the United States of America. Now let me introduce myself..... My name is Vik Maini, a descendant of Sir A. Maini, who was knighted in 1957 for his public services in East Africa.

At this time I will be running to represent you all on the Student Association for this great college. I am a hospitality first year student and have heard concerns from my fellow peers. For this reason and my past involvement on student committees has driven me to try and make our college experience more safe, fair and enjoyable.

I will begin campaigning on October 1, 2001. Be sure during my campaign period I will reveal my plans to ensure we all have a fair chance at an education. I will also let you know on how I plan to bring students together to make our learning experience, fun and memorable. Please do come out and say hello.



Personal Biography

My name is Greg Brown and I believe I would be an ideal representative of George Brown College Students. I am a second year fashion management student originally from Niagara. Immediately upon moving to Toronto, I secured a home and a part time job, as well as establishing new friendships.

I feel the ease of which I have adapted to a new city, a new home and a new school demonstrates the skills required to be a student leader.

I am a flexible and sensitive person who is politically and socially aware. I have a strong interest in my peers' well being and am a resourceful person. I believe in teamwork as well as functioning efficiently on an independent level. I am able to multi-task and figure solid solutions to problems.

Finally, I am a super friendly and outgoing person. I have a lust for life that includes laughter, energy and lust.



Who is Miriam? Why should you vote for her? What are her qualities as an effective leader here at GBC? Does she have what it takes to be on the Board?

Well, My name is Miriam Somers, and I have been on the SA Board for about year as 1st year representative of St. James. I have worked on many different boards in the past. For instance, I am currently on Jewish Student Union Board at

U of T. I am a great leader, here in Toronto, I have been volunteering within the Toronto area for about 15 years. I have been involved with many different organizations for instance NSCY, Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness, and many others organizations. I am a very caring, understanding and I am always there when you need a hand. I am a quality individual who has what it takes for this year's Board. I know about George Brown College, and I know about the community within the college. I know about the issues facing community services, because I am taking the Community Worker Program, and I am in my second year at GBC.

So if you vote for Miriam you know you are doing the right thing. I promise to work hard on all your issues that you need worked on.

A Vote for Miriam is a vote for you so do the right thing and Vote Yes to Miriam. Vote Yes for Miriam.

bios



First and foremost, my name is Jean-Paul (JP) Brown, and my aspiration is to be your Community Services Representative. Why? Because I feel I can make a difference in uniting our school community even further than I is at this moment. Having a strong background involved in community and social services I have the tools and the knowledge to be able to interact within our community goals and objectives. Which makes me exceptionally qualified for the position of the Community Services Representative.

I'm currently at St. James campus in my final year of Human Services Counsellor in the extended program. Most recently, (which was last June) I had graduated from GBC in the Community Worker program, which has given me a broader sense of community organization and social awareness. As well, not only did it teach me how to work with people, it has also taught me how to be a leader in a community. Currently, I still continue to work within the community. By giving my time working with organizations such as The Applause Institute Cotton Ball, Parliamentary Caucus Community Outreach program, Eva's place, and Info Link Housing "Access Centre". To volunteering with several different events and organizations such as the J.A. (Jamaican Alliance), The Harry Jerome Awards, Bayview Glen Church Winter Relief program, The J.S Woodworth Awards program, Eva's place fundraising auction, Marcus Garvey Centre, and so on. From the list of organizations and events that I've just stated, you can see that I have a fair amount of experiences that make me suitable for the position.

Sincerely,

Jean-Paul Brown



Jansen Ng was born in Singapore in 1980. A gifted student, he could read by the time he was two years old and was using a computer at age five. Immigrating to Canada in 1989, he was promoted to the gifted stream and recognized as such by both Singapore and Ontario. He participated in an advanced Astrophysics program at York University for a semester in 1994. The Fraser Institute's 2001 Ontario Education Study found Richmond Hill High School to be the best public secondary facility from 1994-1999, which was the period in which Jansen was enrolled. He had also been studying Finance independently since he was fifteen. After graduating, he enrolled in Seneca College's elite Aviation Technology Program, from which less than 1% of applicants graduate. However, although he found flying to be a pleasant hobby, it was not challenging enough as a vocation.

Jansen then worked as an independent Investment Consultant for two years before coming to George Brown. He is also the Technology Editor of the well-respected Reg3d.com, known for their news and technical coverage of ATI and graphics technology. He has been quoted and referenced by Thomas Pabst of Tom's Hardware Guide, Mike Magee of The Inquirer, and Tony Smith of The Register, amongst others. He has also worked in the IT sector as a Project Supervisor. After graduation, Jansen intends to continue his post-graduate studies in an MBA program.



First Year Representative
Ian Gavel
Biography

Hi there. My name is Ian Gavel and I'm from Kitchener. I am 21 years old and my course of study is Financial Planning.

I have played many competitive sports through high school, such as volleyball, football and swimming. My involvement with these sports is more than competing, I also coach youth sport. Some great skills I have learned in sports are there are many different types of people with varying needs. I realize our school has a wide range of ages as well as ethnic backgrounds and I want to be the voice for YOU. I am a great listener as well as very personable. This will make it easy for you to come and tell me what you think needs to be improved or changed within the school. Thus I will be your voice within the Student Association.

We are all new within George Brown College and want the best out of our education dollar. This is our new home for the next few years; let's make it the best it can be. With your help, we can make it an incredible place to be.



My name is Elish Ward. I am a first year student in the Assaulted Women and Children's Counsellor and Advocacy program at Nightingale Campus. I am running for the 1st year representative from Nightingale. For those of you who were at "Rock the Block", I was the one who took 2nd in the "Survivor" game.

I had the opportunity to travel to China for this month's past year, as a representative of my school. We had 3 months of dance training, before leaving. We taught classes during the day and did dance performances into the night. I really got the opportunity to learn a lot more about another culture and take the leadership role of teaching. Though, I think I learned more than the students did.

The reason I am running for 1st year representative is, I feel that there is more than just an education that one can get out of school. There is also the opportunity in meeting new people that have so much to offer each other, in their life experience and to make a positive change within the school and the community. My number 1 goal is to be here for the students no matter what. I don't want to go into a "Board of Directors" meeting with just what's important to me, but what's important to all of us!

So I leave you with this, good-luck in the school year. And don't forget to vote!



Hey guys free beer! Now that I have your attention let me introduce myself. My name is Vanda Matos and I'm running for first year rep. As students our voice must be heard and changes must be made. In order for us to do

this we must go through the proper channels and voice our concerns and opinions whether it be academic or personal views. We have come a long way but there is still a lot of work to be done. We must fight for our rights as students. I strongly believe that I, Vanda Matos, am the person to get the job done. Our students should never feel that there isn't anyone to turn to because there is always S.A. there for you to lend a helping hand. So Help me! Help you! Let's get the job done right. With my strong leadership background and your ideas we can make a positive change. So let's do it together!



Hi my name is Anil Bhattoo the former community services rep and present V.P of Nightingale. I am second year E.C.E student. I have enjoyed, (although at times stressful), my time with the Student Association and have grown and learned a great deal. I was elected constituency coordinator of the Canadian Federation of Students at my third general

meeting. I now sit on the Ontario board. I bring to campus the campaigns that are relevant. As a mature student, student involvement was not at the forefront of my mind but here I am. I am seeking re-election because I feel that there is so much more that I need to do. I have concerns about the merger with Ryerson as should you, although I will be gone by then. I don't want any of you to live in the shuffle. My position is that of liaison between the students and the Student Association. I cannot do it alone. I need Nightingale Students to tell me what you want, what you need and what you think. I also need your vote so that I can continue my work. Thank-you.

POTABLES

Festival of Canadian Beer

by Malt Disney

We are lucky indeed that within walking distance of St. James campus there is one of the world's finest bars. C'est What is hard to find. It's downstairs on the southeast corner of Front and Church. Once inside you note it is divided into two sections. One side for punters who like to drink cheap lager while listening to loud music, and the bar, where genteel people meet to discuss literature, world politics and sexual deviance while drinking Canada's finest ales.

To this venue comes the Annual Festival of Small Breweries. For thirteen pro-drenched years, the management of C'est What has hosted this widely acclaimed celebration of all that is good about Canadian beer.

Noticeable by their absence are the really big brewers. You won't find Blue, Keith's or Canadian here. The boycott list is a long one. No corn beers are allowed. This excludes just about every product the big two (Molson and Labatt) make.

Each October the serious Canadian brewers gathered to offer praise to the barley malt and hop vine. Thirty nine products from Canada's independent brewers were available for tasting.

If you had a pint of each it would take you a month to go through the card. Gord Holder has been to most of the eleven previous festivals. He is a beer expert, founding member of the Canadian Brewerianists, and the Canadian Association for Better Ale and Lager (CABAL). Gord gave me some hints on how to sniff out the best products. Even with 4 ounce (125 ml) I figure I could only do 10 or 12 different products before time and specific gravity took its toll.

Holder suggested a few offer-

ings. Creemore Springs urBock is a sweet, nicely balanced, full bodied lager only available for a short time in the autumn. He warned that Anniversary Ale from Upper Canada Brewing was an invention of the new owner, Sleeman Brewing and Malting of Guelph, Ontario. Sadly one of the best possibilities, Charles MacLeans F&M Pale Ale was not in good condition should have been a non starter.

I took what I thought was a unique angle to the quest for the perfect elixir. Since beer is made from similar ingredients as other foods like grain, yeast, water and herbs, I thought I might do a four course Zymological meal.

I started with an appetizer of Hart's Dragon's Breath Ale. As near to perfect as a beer may get. A stunning balance of hops bitterness to malt sweetness.

The Main Course could be nothing but Durham Breweries Blak Katt cask conditioned ale. A Real Ale made in the traditional manner and served with a hand pump beer engine. Dark in colour, this brew has the full body a main course requires.

Dessert has many possibilities. Apple Ale from Niagara Falls Brewing, Kawartha's Raspberry Wheat or Muskoka's Honey Brown Lager.

My choice was McAuslan's Spiced Pumpkin, one of the few bottled entries. If you want to talk pumpkin pie, then this full bodied spiced ale has quite a voice.

After dinner, often people like to smoke. I find it a disgusting one habit I could get is C'est What's own Hemp Ale. Yes folks, it is made

with a small amount of hemp, and no, I am assured that it

does not contain any THC. Too bad. The ale is small of body, but inoffensive and a good choice for a session ale. If you don't smoke, how about a coffee? The C'est What Coffee Porter could be a good choice. This ale is deep, dark, delicious and dangerous. A pint of this will cause a sleepless night. Then again, if that's what you're into...

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WE ARE THE REASON LIFE WORKS

By Antonio Circusa

"Are you a Muslim?" The customer asked me. "No I'm not, why?" I replied. "GOOD! Because if you were I would kick the shit out of you."

I heard on CBC Newsworld that racism was becoming evident in Canada against Muslims because of the tragedies beset on the United States on September 11. But I would never imagine that I would be a part of a racist comment so clearly pushed in my face. I responded. "What! Why are you saying that? I cannot believe you think that way sir. I do not want to hear this." He persisted and wouldn't let it go. "It's true though!" He continued. "Those people are different from the rest of us. They have no right to be here in Canada if they are going to blow us all up!" I was becoming furious. "First of all, Canada had nothing to do with what happened. Second, why are you making such a bigoted generalization as to include ALL Muslims in this terrible act that only a FEW people committed?" "I don't care! We need a WW3 to blow the shit out of all them, clear the planet of them."

Then you'll see if this happens again." I started walking away from him then, not caring what his opinions were in the matter. His opinions were ignorant and racist beyond comprehension. I did not want to continue talking to him and yet he would not leave me alone. He grabbed my arm. Before he could say another word, I stared him down. "I don't think you truly want to exterminate all the Muslims in Canada. I don't think you are angry or pissed off. I think you are just frightened." It was the last thing I said to him. I shrugged his hand off my arm and calmly walked away. How could something like this happen in such a multi-cultural place on the globe? It was the first time I personally came face to face with racism. Of course I have witnessed events and slang terms, as most people have, directed towards minority groups, but never so in my face as now. I lost all respect for that man and I doubt I will ever talk to him again. The hatred and loathing of life in his eyes burned an image into my brain. Racism. This man, however, made me think. Really think. Why would

someone come up to me and start such a disgusting conversation with me? If you can even call it a conversation. After a lot of reflection on this situation I am beginning to understand how and why this man would approach me so bluntly with his views. As the saying goes: "Human beings fear what they do not know." I believe this man feared that his life would be impacted here in Canada because of Terrorism. Indeed, everyone's life has been impacted in some way because of Terrorism. Not because of Muslim's, and for someone to put the blame on Muslims themselves shows there is a need to educate people about race and people's differences.

Sharing our differences, and embracing our differences is the key to ridding the world of racism.

Antonio writes for queer television. If you would like to read more of his advice to other gay youth go to QOnline.com at the Corner of Young and Queer. You can reach Antonio at pride@lca.net

To Thy Self Alone Be True

In accordance with my previous article, which I might add was edited; removed of transitions and almost entirely restructured, I would like to continue my debate. There is a theory in the United States called The Closing of the American Mind by Allan Bloom, of contemporary disengagement from the argument. That out of due respect for individual self-directed development and creation there remains no dialectic challenge of another's perspective. To each his own students claim, while respect is ultimately given unto individual distinction.

The infamous debates between individuals of western Europe which ironically built upon such discrepancies brick for brick debating the validity, the essence and the ideals are foreign to our new morality.

While few question another's design leaving the difference as respect for a choice taken or conclude with appreciation or resentment of a given design, many are too self absorbed to care to question another's design.

The argument becomes justified by diversity. Ideally it is up to the self to determine perspective in order to ultimately attain originality. When discussing authenticity of self no one should permit another to determine their perspective. It is for the self alone to be true.

Pan handling gave me an attack of internal judgment. A passerby presented the justification. However that weren't my own perspective. I had to struggle and shift in my seat to find the comfort of my own personal justification. In the end

the reasoning was my own responsibility. To be authentic in my experience.

Prostitution was a great challenge to approach. What isn't prostitution one might ask. To be authentically prostitute. To elaborate with a self designed physical example of one's existence. To come through experience and come into the salvation of recognition of and salvation to one's condition and state of being. How to overcome? How to become unto a utilitarian existence by learning from experience and building from within the practice? How to learn how to succeed beyond the prison? To thine own self be true. Look within to find the cure, the key and the vision.

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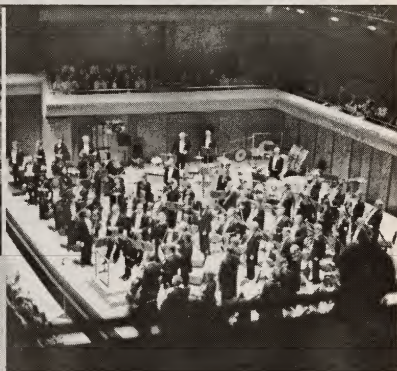
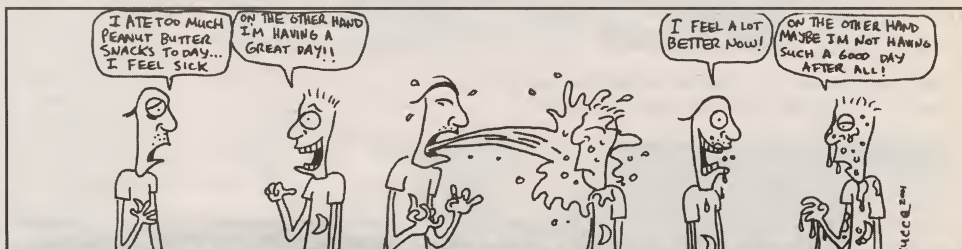
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ENTERTAINMENT



September 30th 2001, I went to Roy Thomson Hall (212 King St W) to experience the Toronto Symphony Orchestra! The sounds were ethereal! The architectural structure is amazing, letting in a lot of natural light!! I couldn't believe that I had never been here before! If you have any questions about the Toronto Symphony Orchestra please check out the web-site www.tsoundcheck.com or call Jeanette McGarry @ 416 593 7769 x 354 They are doing a promotion for students where the tickets are \$10 each!!!

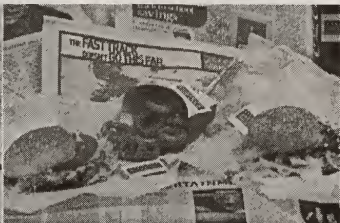
How about the food that we eat? Is that entertaining enough for you or not? Recently a friend of mine and I went for dinner Hmmm college students, college food? It was a controlled experiment. So off we headed to Burger King (haha insert fave disgust remark here)

Downstairs in the cafeteria, we were presented with the task of deciding what to ingest. I chose a Whopper jr with cheese, because of the promise of a burger in the shape of a basketball, and a small order of onion rings. My friend ordered the BK Broiler for the visibility of the meat

So far so good! The onion rings looked like they had been sitting there for an hour or so, and I don't know about you but I like my grease hot! I requested fresh onion rings, but as they closed at 7pm, and it was now 6 30pm.... I informed her that I was going to take pictures of my food

and needed them to be fresh! Bingo fresh onion rings I got!! So here are the pictures of the food that I ordered and ate! You can be the judge of how appetizing, and entertaining it is!! My burger did not look like a basketball (as advertised) but did satisfy the need for grease. The unbread-

ed chicken was, well....probably actually chicken, at one point or another. All in all I would say that this meal was alright considering it only cost \$7.25 including a drink and tip!



Movie Reviews Movie Reviews

Requiem for a Dream is a dark disturbing look at where habits take me to fly, on a flutter of a butterfly's wings. This is a movie to watch for the story line if you can follow it. It took me 3 times to watch it before I fully understood what was going on during the story line. The cinematography is amazingly well done!

Before Night Falls takes place in Cuba, chronicling the life of a Cuban writer trying very hard to get out of the communist country. Through his trials and tribulations, we are presented with true facts about what a tough time it was to be a homosexual man in a state of chaos and uncertainty. A great story!

Dancer in the Dark is Björk's film. I watched this film late at night not knowing that it was a 2 1/2 hour movie. Before watching I did not have as much respect for Björk as I do now. The movie follows a mother's desperate struggle for herself and her son. A musical journey she puts on around herself. The movie itself was very beautiful! Depressing at the end! You can't help but feel sorry for Björk and her son. They appear so helpless, and have a language barrier going on between themselves and their surroundings. The performance that Björk puts on is eloquently fabulous. Once enguiled in the movie you won't want to stop watching it to see what happens next!

Pollock is about an artist who lived in New York around the 50's. He is the artist who created art with nothing! After watching the movie I had a different appreciation for the different styles of spackle paint that gained popularity in the 80's. The movie moves at a fair pace showing his rise and fall from fame. I think it is interesting to watch films that are about artists to see how they are portrayed by the media. This guy came across as a real baby, particularly when he was drinking! Why do a lot of artists have substance abuse problems? What are they hiding in their psyche's?



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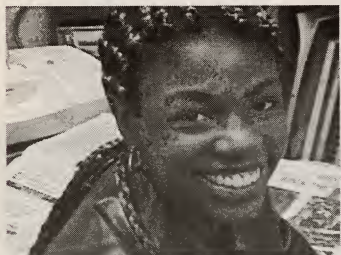


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In Focus

The Dialog asked G.B.C students what they would do if they could do anything.....anything at all!!!



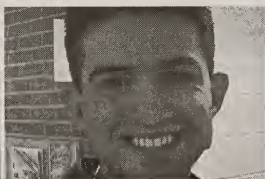
Camille wants to try and change the world!



Jeremy would like to be lazy!



Mark wants to take over the world



Emil can't wait to make some \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$



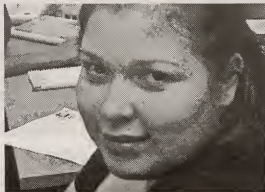
Kerry can't get ITALY off of her mind!



Shani is counting the days until the Black and Blue party in Montreal



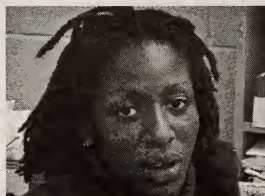
Moyuko wants to help people get the correct information on social services



Michelle will be enjoying her youth partying!

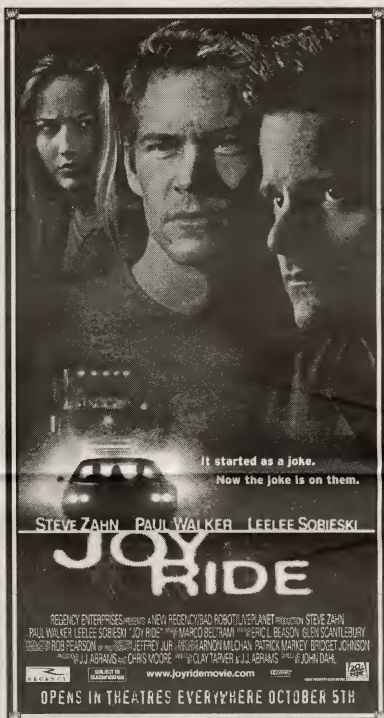


Sera can't wait for her spell of bad luck to go away!!!!



Tricia wants to move to London UK

Sorry to those who photos did not appear in this issue of the dialog. Unfortunately I had disk errors which made it impossible for them to appear!



Terrorism is an act against humanity
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It overlooks the humanity of the individual.

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by Susan Choy

Tonight...

Well I'm on I ignore human & suffer for...

Yeah you have stained my palette you are magic need you...

take my hand just wanna make you mine so make me right I accept the challenge...

To get me clean you'll have to get your hands dirty in a filthy world can't forget where you've been...

You see am nothing, no at the same time all... J.

Celebrating International Deaf Awareness Week At GBC

By Karen Walker, Coordinator / Counsellor, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Student Affairs

Over 65 staff and students attended an event on September 27 to mark International Deaf Awareness Week. All over the world, this week is celebrated as an opportunity to raise awareness about the language, culture, and heritage of an estimated 75 million Deaf people around the world - including at least 300,000 in Canada alone. Here at GBC, our College is the college of

choice for as many as 72 Deaf or Hard of Hearing students! Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of Student Affairs hosted this Deaf Awareness event.

The event opened with a performance by one of Canada's most popular Deaf entertainers - Chris Welsh. Chris performed a colourful pantomime that kept the audience chuckling. Chris is also known at GBC as one of the popular faculty members in the Pre-Interpreter Program. Anne McKercher, famous for her expertise in Deaf history, then gave a lecture / slide show

about famous Deaf people. Anne is Deaf, has a M.Ed. from Western Maryland College in the U.S., and has been a teacher of the Deaf for 25 years. Anne's stories took the audience back in history as far as the mid 1800's. She brought with her many valuable artifacts from her personal collection of Deaf history. For example, she showed a picture of one Deaf man who intentionally hid the fact that he was Deaf so that he could fight on the front line trenches in Germany during World War I. Her pictures and stories painted a fascinating history of Deaf

people in Canada. Thanks to Chris and Anne for helping GBC to celebrate International Deaf Awareness Week. (Hands Waving)
For more information about the programs and events offered by Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, look for Room 173 BA at St. James Campus, or call (416) 864-0535 (TTY), (416) 415-4654 (Voice); or email to deafserv@gbcwnc.on.ca



SA Manager Alberta Bound

Ellen Goward, Retail Manager for the Student Association of George Brown College (SA) has submitted her resignation effective October 19, 2001. Ellen is responsible for the operation of the SA's popular Get back Jack's retail stores. She came to the SA from HMV and plans to continue her career in her new home in Edmonton.



Greetings from the Student Association Campus Vice President for St James



Thanks for taking a minute or two to look this over, and thanks for not being upset with me for being a couple issues late with this write up.

I am Tim Johnson, Student Association Campus Vice President at the St. James campus. The S.A. is planning many great events that I plan to attend this year, and I hope to see every one of you out there as well. Rock The Block, our Boat Cruise, and our Bar BO's have been quite successful thus far, and I hope that the rest of our events produce just the same great results. If there is one message I can pass to each and every one of you this year it is to tell you to get involved. Get involved in this college in some capacity. You have

chosen this institute of higher learning, and will probably be here for at least two years. Make sure you do something in that time so you can look back and say you enjoyed your days here, and can walk out with more than just an education. If you ever have any idea, issues, or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at 416.415.2900, ext 69012, or stop in my office at Rm. 147 in the St. James building. I look forward to hearing from you.



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